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TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: January 28, 2011

SUBJECT: Community Single-Stream Recycling Drop-off

This Letter to Commission is intended to provide information regarding the Community Single-Stream Recycling program.

Miami-Dade County Ordinance No. 91-123 requires multi-family residential establishments to provide a recycling program that includes newspaper, glass, aluminum cans, steel cans, and plastics. Currently, the enforcement of these County ordinances is outside the City's jurisdiction; however, the City is in the process of drafting language for a Recycling Ordinance that would establish mandatory recycling in the City. While this Ordinance is under development, the Sustainability Committee recommended that the City create two temporary community single-stream recycling drop-off locations to provide residents with access to recycling.

On February 16, 2010, the Sustainability Committee passed a motion recommending three (3) temporary community single-stream recycling drop-off locations be established in South, Middle, and North Beach in order to increase recycling community wide. City Staff worked with the Miami-Dade County Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) and the Environmental Coalition of Miami and the Beaches (ECOMB) to establish temporary single-stream recycling drop-off locations at 210 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in South Beach and 75<sup>th</sup> Street and Dickens Avenue in North Beach. Due to permitting constraints, it was determined that a Middle Beach location would not be feasible at this time.

## **PROGRAM**

The drop-off locations in South Beach and North Beach have begun accepting single-stream recyclables, which means all listed recyclable materials; can be combined in the same bin. Each location has a two (2) cubic yard recycling container that will accept single-stream recyclables from residents whose condominiums do not offer a recycling program. Residents can bring paper products, cardboard, metal food containers, beverage containers, aseptic containers (juice and milk cartons), glass (clear, brown, and green) and plastic containers (no caps or lids). Signage at both locations has been developed to assist users in identifying the items which can and cannot be placed in the single-stream containers (Attachment A). The single-stream system allows a faster and simplified recycling process that should help increase resident participation in recycling efforts Citywide.

The drop-off location in South Beach is connected with ECOMB's newly established Environmental Center located at 210 Second Street. The drop-off point is located behind the fence on Collins Court side of the property (Attachment B). ECOMB staff will be available to answer questions and help residents with recycling during business hours. The North Beach recycling drop-off is located at 75<sup>th</sup> Street and Dickens Avenue (Attachment C). Waste Management (WM) will service both locations at no additional cost to the City.

These locations are accessible to residents 24 hours a day; however, the bins will be located behind a fence and a small opening will be created in the fence to minimize contamination and illegal dumping. Public Works Department will conduct outreach to the community to provide information about the new program and communicate what is and is not permitted in the bins.

Each location will be serviced at least three (3) times per week. As the program progresses, the frequency of service to these locations will be modified to reflect participation and usage. All recyclables will be taken to WM Single Stream Recycling facility in Pembroke Pines at the Reuters Material Recovery Facility - 20701 Pembroke Road, which is the same facility utilized by Miami-Dade County's residential recycling program.

Should you have additional questions, please contact Tamika Clear at (305) 673-7616.

Attachments:

- A – Community Single-Stream Recycling Drop-off Location Signage
- B – South Beach Location Map
- C – North Beach Location Map

  
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# COMMUNITY SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING DROP OFF

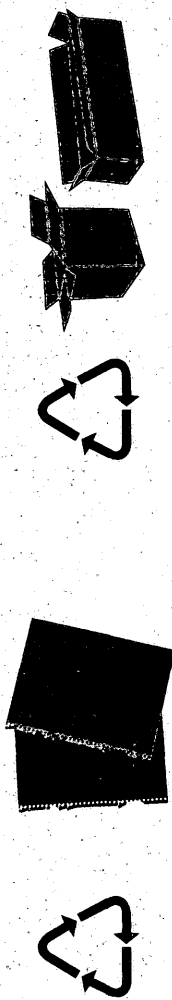
Please DO NOT dispose of chemical or hazardous materials, batteries, tires, paints, or car parts into the dumpsters. Contact the Sanitation Division at 305.673.7616 for more information. The Police Department is dedicated to the detection, investigation and apprehension of those responsible for polluting the environment of the City of Miami Beach. If you witness an illegal dumping please call 305.673.7901. You may be eligible for a \$250 reward.

Favor de no depositar químicos o materiales peligrosos, pilas, llantas, pintura, o piezas de automóviles en los botaderos de desechos. Contacte a la División de Saneamiento al 305.673.7616 para más información. El Departamento de Policía se dedica a la detección, investigación, y aprehensión de aquellos responsables por la contaminación del medio ambiente de la Ciudad de Miami Beach. Si usted observa un incidente de desecho ilegal en progreso, por favor llame al 305.673.7901. Puede ser elegible para una recompensa de \$250.

Attachment A

ALLOWED PERMITIDO

NOT ALLOWED  
NO PERMITIDO



**Paper Products** Productos de Papel  
Magazines, newspaper & mail.  
Revistas, periódico, y correo.

**Cardboard** Cartón  
Packing Boxes, Cereal Boxes and Gift Boxes.  
\*Flatten all boxes.  
Cajas de empaque, de cereal y de regalo.



**Aseptic Containers** Envases Asépticos  
Milk and juice containers.  
Cartones de leche y jugo

**Glass** Vidrio  
Clear, brown and green.  
Transparente, café & verde



**Metal** Metálicos  
Food and beverage containers.  
Envases metálicos de comida/ bebida

**Plastic** Plástico  
Narrow neck bottles only. No caps or lids.  
Botellas de plástico de cuello angosto. Sin tapas



**Plastic** Plástico  
Plastic bags, dairy tubs (yogurt, cream cheese, etc), plastic toys and furniture.  
Bolsas de plástico, envases de productos lácteos (yogurt, queso crema, etc), juguetes de plástico y muebles.

**Certain Glass Products** Ciertos Productos de Vidrio  
Pyrex, ceramics, light bulbs, plates & cups.  
Productos Pyrex, productos de cerámica, fósforos, platos y vasos.

**Miscellaneous** Misceláneos  
Batteries, styrofoam, clothing and electronics.  
Pilas, productos de poliestireno, ropa y productos electrónicos.

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Sanitation Division Public Works Department 305.673.7616



## Miami Beach Locator Map



Map: 210 Second Street



## Miami Beach Locator Map



Map: 75th & Dickens